

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2. Please amend Claim 1. Please add Claims 6-10. All presently pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Amended) An automotive gauge mounting structure engagable to an automotive vehicle interior, the structure comprising:
 - a) a bracket;
 - b) at least one gauge receiving aperture formed in the bracket;
 - c) the aperture defining a plurality of displaceable segments and recesses extending therebetween;
 - d) the segments being displaceable in response to insertion of a gauge into the aperture for friction-fit engagement of the gauge to the bracket;
 - e) the gauge having a gauge diameter and the recesses defining an aperture inner diameter, the aperture inner diameter being less than the gauge diameter.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Original) The bracket as recited in Claim 2 wherein recesses are provided with a series of radial cuts, the cuts defining additional displaceable segments therebetween.
4. (Original) The bracket as recited in Claim 2 wherein the recesses define a cross-shape aperture, having a plurality of displaceable interior segments.
5. (Original) The bracket as recited in claim 2 wherein the recesses define a plurality of outer arcuate recesses and the displaceable segment defines a plurality of displaceable inner arcuate segments disposed intermediate arcuate recesses.
6. (New) The bracket of Claim 3 wherein the radial cuts are of generally equal length.

7. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the aperture is generally circularly shaped.
8. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 7 wherein each one of the apertures is of generally equivalent size.
9. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the bracket includes three gauge receiving apertures formed therein.
10. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the segments are equidistantly spaced around the aperture.